

twenty-five able-bodied convicts, who shall be transported, guarded and maintained by the county of Lenoir, to work the said road until completion.

Certain convicts
in Lenoir county
to work on road.

SEC. 3. That all persons who shall be convicted of any criminal offence in any of the courts of Lenoir county, in consequence thereof be sentenced to imprisonment for less time than two years, may, on the application of the county commissioners, be delivered by the sheriff of said county to said commissioners, or their agents or appointees, for the purpose of working on said road; and if any prisoner so delivered shall escape, he shall, on conviction thereof, be fined or imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

Escape.

Persons impris-
oned for non-pay-
ment of costs to
work on road.

SEC. 4. That if any person shall be imprisoned on account of non-payment of costs, it shall be the duty of the court before which such person is tried to fix a price per month, including board, at which such prisoner shall work out the costs on said road incurred up to such time, and if such prisoner escape he shall on conviction be punished as provided in section third of this act.

SEC. 5. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the general assembly read three times, and ratified this the 7th day of March, A. D. 1887.

CHAPTER 315.

An act to protect fish in Wiccacon creek.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Unlawful to pre-
vent free passage
of fish in Wicca-
con creek, Hert-
ford county.

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to construct any hedge, weir or seine across the Wiccacon creek in the county of Hertford in such way as to prevent the free passage of fish.